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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 12-15, 19-21, 29-38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 9-11, 16-18, 22-28 and 39 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 39 recites a "blocking member in line 1 of claim 39. This seems to be a typo. Should it mean "locking member?"

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 39 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. It is unclear as to the limitation, "plurality of shapes and sizes."

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-8,13-15,19,21,29-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pirdy et al. (US PN 6151218).

With respect to claim 1, Piridy et al. teaches (Fig. 4) a portable terminal (10) having a terminal control section (342) and a bottom plate (not labeled), wherein the bottom plate (not labeled) includes a first connection terminal (130a) connected to the terminal control section (342) and a cradle (100) having a seating portion (110), on which the portable terminal (10) is seated, a second connection terminal (130) located in a position corresponding to the first connection terminal (130a) and a locking member (314,132,134) comprised of latches (132,134) and in a seating portion (110) and a locking element (314) which rotates based on locking member information and a cradle control section (127) and a locking member (314,132,134) in a position corresponding to a locking hole (22) or (24) (col. 4, lines 49-67) & (col. 5, lines 18-36).

With respect to claim 2, Piridy et al. teaches (Fig. 4) a bottom plate (not labeled) comprising a hole (22) and at least one additional hole (24) and a seating portion (110) comprising a locking member (314,132,134) and at least one additional corresponding locking member (314,132,134).

With respect to claim 3, Piridy et al. teaches (Fig. 4,6,7) the locking member rotation information is created in response to the first and second connection terminals (130a, 130) being connected together after the portable terminal (10) is seated on the seating portion (110) and a request is made that the locking member (132,134,314) and the locking hole (22,24) be locked together.

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With respect to claim 4, Pirdy et al. teaches (Fig. 6,7) an input part to allow a password to be inputted by a user to release the connection between the locking member (132,134,314) and the locking hole (22,24), wherein the locking member rotation information is created in response to the inputted password (col. 5, lines 52-67).

With respect to claim 5, Pirdy et al. teaches (Fig. 6,7) a solenoid (332) controlled through the cradle control section (127) and connected to the locking member (132,134,314), wherein the solenoid (332) is rotated when a recognition signal for the locking member rotation information is inputted into the cradle control section (127) (col. 5, lines 52-67).

With respect to claim 6, Pirdy et al. teaches (Fig. 6,7) the first connection terminal (130a) comprises a first control section connection terminal (344) that is connected to the terminal control section (342), the second connection terminal comprises a second control section connection terminal (344) that corresponds to the first control section connection terminal (344) and is connected to the cradle control section (127), and the recognition signal is transmitted from the terminal control section (342) to the cradle control section (127) through the first and second control section connection terminals (344) when the first and second control section connection terminals (344) are connected together.

With respect to claim 7, Pirdy et al. teaches (Fig. 6,7) the first connection terminal (130a) comprises a first control section connection terminal (344) that is

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connected to the terminal control section (342), the second connection terminal (130) comprises a second control section connection terminal (344) that corresponds to the first control section connection terminal (344) and connected to the cradle control section (127), and the recognition signal is transmitted from the terminal control section to the cradle control section (127) through the first and second control section connection terminals (344) when a password is inputted into an input part (col. 4, lines 1-8) (col. 5, lines 52-57).

With respect to claim 8, Pirdy et al. teaches (Fig. 6,7) the solenoid (332) is controlled to stop the rotation of the locking member (314) when a control signal is inputted through the cradle control section (127).

Regarding the method claims 13-15, the method steps recited in the claims are inherently necessitated by the device structure as taught by Pirdy et al. Pirdy et al. disclosed (Fig. 4,6,7) a portable terminal (10) and a cradle (100), wherein the portable terminal (10) comprises a terminal control section (342), a first connection terminal (130a) provided on a side of a bottom plate (not labeled) and connected to the terminal control section (342), and a locking hole (22,24) formed in the other side of the bottom plate (not labeled), and the cradle (100) comprises a seating portion (110) on which the portable terminal (10) is seated, a cradle control section (127), a second connection terminal (130) located in a position corresponding to the first connection terminal (130a)

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and connected to the cradle control section (127), a locking member (314,132,134) located in the seating portion (110) in a position corresponding to the locking hole (22,24), and a solenoid (332) connected to the locking member (314,132,134) to rotate the locking member (314,132,134) wherein locking member rotation information is created that is rotation request information of the locking member (314,132,134), a recognition signal is transmitted, the locking member rotation information is recognized by the terminal control section (342) and the recognition signal is transmitted to the cradle control section (127), a control signal for controlling the rotary solenoid (332) is outputted, the control signal based upon the recognition signal by the cradle control section (127), and the rotary solenoid (332) is driven according to the control signal, to rotate the locking member (314,132,134), wherein upon a request that the locking member (314,132,134) locking hole (22,24) be locked each other, the locking member rotation information is created in response to the connection of the first and second connection terminals (130a,130) after the portable terminal (10) is seated on the seating portion (110), wherein the locking between the locking member (314,132,134) and the locking hole be released is requested, the locking member rotation information is created in response to a password inputted through an input part connected to the terminal control section (342), the input part being provided in the portable terminal (10).

With respect to claim 19, Pirdy et al. teaches (Fig. 4,6,7) at least one connection unit (130a, 130) to connect the portable terminal (10) to the cradle device (100) and a

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locking unit (132,134) having at least one locking member (314,132,134) to rotate to lock and unlock together the portable terminal device (10) and the cradle device (100) based upon at least locking member rotation information, wherein the locking member (314) is positioned corresponding to the at least one locking hole (22,24) (col. 4, lines 49-67) & (col. 5, lines 18-36).

With respect to claim 21, Pirdy et al. teaches (6,7) an input part to allow a password to be inputted to release the connection between the locking member (132,134,314) and the locking hole (22,24), wherein the locking member rotation information is created in response to the inputted password (col. 5, lines 52-67).

With respect to claim 29, Pirdy et al. teaches (Fig. 4,6,7) wherein the at least one connection unit (130a, 130) comprises a plurality of connection terminals, including: first and second connection terminals (130a, 130) located respectively on the terminal device (10) and the cradle device (100), wherein the first and the second connection terminals (130a, 130) are connectable to each other and respectively transmit data information and signals between the terminal device (10) and the cradle device (100).

With respect to claim 30, Pirdy et al. teaches (Fig. 4) one of the plurality of connection terminals transmits and receives data information and a signal to an exterior device (col. 4, lines 1-12).

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With respect to claim 31, Pirdy et al. teaches (Fig. 4) the exterior device is a computer (col. 5, lines 5-9).

With respect to claim 32, Pirdy et al. teaches (Fig. 4) wherein the exterior device is a power source (col. 4, lines 1-12).

With respect to claim 33, Pirdy et al. teaches (Fig. 4,6,7) a signal is transmitted from the terminal control section (342) to the cradle control section (127) in response to the connection of the first and second control section connection terminals (344).

With respect to claim 34, Pirdy et al. teaches (Fig. 4,6,7) a signal is transmitted from the terminal control section (342) to the cradle control section (127) in response to a password inputted into an input part.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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Claims 12,20,35-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pirdy et al. (US 6151218) and in view of Davis (US 6564600 B1).

With respect to claim 12, Pirdy teaches (Fig. 4) a cradle (100).

Pirdy et al. does not teach a polarity switching terminal.

Davis teaches (Fig. 13) a polarity switching terminal (96) connected to a motor (638) for switching polarities of the electric power applied to a motor (638) and the polarity switching terminal (96) switches the polarities such the motor (638) rotates in a given direction.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize the polarity switching terminal as taught by Davis in the invention of Pirdy et al., in order to control the direction of the current flow to the locking mechanism.

With respect to claim 20, Pirdy et al. teaches the locking unit further comprises a rotary solenoid located in the cradle device to control the rotation of the at least one locking member.

Pirdy et al. does not teach the locking unit comprising a rotary motor.

Davis teaches (Fig. 1) a motor (638) to control at least one locking member (624).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize the motor as taught by Davis in the invention of Pirdy et al., in order to provide control for the movement of the locking member.

With respect to claim 21, Pirdy et al. teaches (6,7) an input part to allow a password to be inputted to release the connection between the locking member (132,134,314) and the locking hole (22,24), wherein the locking member rotation information is created in response to the inputted password (col. 5, lines 52-67).

With respect to claim 35, Davis teaches (Fig. 3) a polarity switching unit (96) to switch the polarity of electric power applied to a motor (638).

With respect to claim 36, Davis (Fig. 22), a first control signal is inputted that switches the polarity of the electric power to rotate the rotary motor (638) in a first direction (col.10, lines 65-67 & col. 11, line 1).

With respect to claim 37, Davis teaches (Fig. 20), a second control signal is inputted that switches the polarity of the electric power to rotate the rotary motor in a second direction that is opposite of the first direction (col. 10, lines 38-59).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 38,39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pirdy et al. (US 6151218) and in view of Myers (US 95959287).

With respect to claim 38, Pirdy et al. teaches (Fig. 4,6,7) the locking member (314,132,144).

He is silent to the at least one locking member formed in a "1" shape and the locking hole formed in bore shape.

Myers et al. teaches (Fig. 4) a locking member (56) formed as a "1" shape and the locking hole formed in a bore shape (see, for example, fig. 4 & col. 7, line 24-29).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize the locking member and locking hole as taught by Myers

et al. in the invention of Pirdy et al., in order to provide a securing means of the portable terminal with the cradle.

With respect to claim 39, Myers teaches (Fig. 4) at least one locking member (56) formed in a "1" shape and a locking hole in a bore shape.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 9-11,16-18,22-28 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The allowability resides in the overall structure of the device as recited in dependent claims 9-11,16-18 & 22-28 and at least in part, because claim 9 recites: "a light transmission/reception hole," a light transmission/reception port is located on the cradle and position such that emitted light is reflected from the locking member through the light transmission/reception hole," and "a reflection plate reflecting the light to the bottom surface of the locking member, wherein the reflection plate is located on the cradle, and when a predetermined amount of light reflected from the reflection plate is received in the light transmission port, the rotary motor control signal is produced in the

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cradle control section based upon the amount of reflected light," claim 16, recites: "emitting light to the locking member so that the driving of the rotary motor is stopped depending on the reflected amount of the emitted light," and claim 22 recites: "light transmission/reception device." The aforementioned limitations in combination with all remaining limitations of claims 9-12, 16-18, 22-28 are believed to render the claims and all claims dependent therefrom patentable over the art of record.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Early US PN (436481), Janik (US PN 6864798 B2), Youn (US PN 6716058 B2), Heredia (US PN 2911777), Boyle et al. (US PN 5323291), Inoue et al. (US PN 6928557 B1), Sato (US PN 6882866 B2), Pellaumail et al. (US2002/0158130 A1) & GB 2024922 A show the general state of the art regarding portable terminals, cradles and locking mechanism with security passwords.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ingrid Wright whose telephone number is (571) 272-8392. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn Feild can be reached on (571) 272-2800, ext 35. The fax phone

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